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**OFFENDER-BASED TRACKING SYSTEM**  
**TO BE DEVELOPED BY SIERRA SYSTEMS**

The State of Connecticut, through the Office of Policy and Management, Department of Information Technology, and the Judicial Branch, announced today that Sierra Systems Group Inc. will develop a unique central database of criminal offender data for the state.

The database is the centerpiece of Connecticut's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and will be known as the **Offender Based Tracking System** or OBTS.

The OBTS will integrate data about offenders and their status statewide across the criminal justice system from law enforcement, court, parole, and corrections databases. The database will include data from and be used by all law enforcement and judicial process agencies in the State.

The Department of Information Technology awarded the contract for the development of the OBTS to Sierra Systems Group Inc. The contract covers a two-year period and is valued at ten million dollars.

The OBTS is being developed with State Bond Funds, as recommended by Governor John Rowland and approved by the Legislature. The OBTS is being managed as a multi-agency initiative by the Office of Policy and Management, Policy Development and Planning Division.

In making the announcement, Brian Mattiello, Under Secretary for Policy Development and Planning, acknowledged that Connecticut's criminal justice agencies have long recognized the need to work together to develop a common database system. "In designing the OBTS, the Connecticut agencies have considered immediate and real needs; initiating the OBTS development will make this visionary design a hallmark in our war against crime."

Rock Regan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, explained the extent of the Connecticut CJIS initiative. "The integration of law enforcement and judicial data, currently among 15 different legacy systems within 8 executive and judicial branch agencies, will be an enterprise that is dynamic in scope, serving each law enforcement and judicial agency from one, common data repository."

Oversight of the OBTS development will be provided by the statutorily established CJIS Governing Board. Senior Judge, the Honorable Robert C. Leuba, the designated chair of the Board, noted that the award enables a much needed database system that will greatly enhance our offender management, whether being apprehended or before a judge for a criminal act. "An offender will not be released because information was not known about the offender."

In addition to the Sierra Systems application development, Maximus, Inc. is assisting the State of Connecticut with the project management and system integration. Maximus facilitated the development of the OBTS vision and the design concepts.

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